

21. (Amended) The camera of claim 4, wherein the power source is a battery, the detecting device is able to estimate the situation that the capacity of the battery is insufficient until the completion of transmitting for the image information and the print information, and the display device indicates warning when the detecting device estimates the situation that the capacity of the battery is insufficient until the completion of transmitting for the image information.

28. (New) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:
a receiving device for receiving operating information from an external remote control unit, wherein the print information producing device produces the print information based on the operating information from the external remote control unit.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action dated March 13, 2002, the Examiner: rejected claims 1-3 and 6-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Parulski et al. (EP 0860980 A2); rejected claims 4-5 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. in view of Saegusa (U.S. Pat. No. 5,799,217); rejected claims 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. in view of Friend et al. (Understanding Data Communications); and rejected claims 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. in view of Kaihatsu (U.S. Pat. No. 5898386).

Claims 1-13, 17-21, and 28 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being only independent claim. Applicants have amended claims 1-13 and 17-21 to more

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clearly define features of the present invention. Claim 28 is newly added. No new matter has been entered.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-identified Office Action.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner relies primarily on Parulski et al. (EP 0860980 A2) in rejecting all claims in the present application. The reference of Parulski et al., however, was published on August 26, ¹⁹⁹⁸ 1988, which is later than the priority date (i.e., October 3, 1997) of the present application. Therefore, in order to perfect the claim to the foreign priority filing date and antedate Parulski et al., Applicants submit herewith an English language translation of the Japanese priority document (i.e., Japanese Patent Application No. 271288/1997, filed on October 3, 1997), along with a Declaration stating that the translation of the certified copy is accurate.

Applicants respectfully submit that Parulski et al. should be excluded from the above-identified rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a) and 103(a) in the present application. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are rendered moot and should be withdrawn in view of the priority date.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of all pending claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims 1-13 and 17-21 by this amendment.

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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Thrice Amended) A camera comprising:
 - an image-pickup [means] device for receiving light to form an image of a subject, for converting the light into electric signals and for producing image information of the image of the subject by the electric signals;
 - a print information producing [means] device for producing print information for printing the image information, the print information including print designating information which designates an image to be printed; and
 - a transmitting [means] device for transmitting the image information and the print information to an external apparatus.
2. (Twice Amended) The camera of claim 1, wherein the print information producing [means] device produces the print information further including print quantity information, which expresses a quantity of prints, and the transmitting [means] device transmits the image information and the print information including the print designating information and the print quantity information.
3. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:
 - an inputting [means] device for inputting information necessary for producing the print information, wherein the print information producing [means] device produces the print information on the basis of the information inputted by the inputting [means] device.
4. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:

a power source for supplying electricity to at least one of the image-pickup [means] device, the print information producing [means] device and the transmitting [means] device; and
a detecting [means] device for detecting the condition of the power source and for obtaining the power source information, wherein the transmitting [means] device transmits information based on the power source information.

5. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:

a power source for supplying electricity to at least one of the image-pickup [means] device, the print information producing [means] device and the transmitting [means] device;
a detecting [means] device for detecting the condition of the power source and for obtaining the power source information; and
a display [means] device for indicating the power source information.

6. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:

a receiving [means] device for receiving image forming apparatus information representing the condition of an image forming apparatus to which the transmitting [means] device transmits the image information and the print information.

7. (Amended) The camera of claim 6, further comprising:

a display [means] device for indicating the image forming apparatus information.

8. (Amended) The camera of claim 6, further comprising:

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a [means] device for indicating warning on the basis of the image forming apparatus information.

9. (Amended) The camera of claim 6, further comprising:

a [means] device for indicating a communicating situation between the camera and the image forming apparatus.

10. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:

a receiving [means] device for receiving information regarding the image forming capability of an image forming apparatus to which the transmitting [means] device transmits the image information and the print information.

11. (Amended) The camera of claim 10, further comprising:

a [means] device for indicating the information regarding the image forming capability of an image forming apparatus.

12. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, wherein the transmitting [means] device is [means] a device for conducting wireless communication.

13. (Twice Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:

a receiving [means] device for receiving image information from another camera, wherein the transmitting device transmits the image information received from the another camera and the print information.

17. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, further comprising:

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a receiving [means] device for receiving receipt information produced by an image forming apparatus to which the transmitting [means] device transmits the image information and the print information; and a display [means] device for indicating the receipt information.

18. (Twice Amended) The camera of claim 17, wherein the receipt information includes a waiting time for the completion of printing and a receipt condition whether or not information transmitted from the transmitting [means] device is received normally.
19. (Amended) The camera of claim 1, wherein the transmitting [means] device transmits the ID of the camera and the ID of the transmitter with the correlation with the image information.
20. (Amended) The camera of claim 19, further comprising:

a receiving [means] device for receiving information indicating the completion of printing from the image forming apparatus to which the transmitting [means] device transmits the image information and the print information.
21. (Amended) The camera of claim 4, wherein the power source is a battery, the detecting [means] device is able to estimate the situation that the capacity of the battery is insufficient until the completion of transmitting for the image information and the print information, and the display [means] device indicates warning when the detecting [means] device estimates the situation that the capacity of the battery is insufficient until the completion of transmitting for the image information.

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